

1 **State of Arkansas**
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4 **By: Representatives McGinnis, Cunningham and Stephens**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1536

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE UNIFORM REPORTING OF TOTAL REVENUES,
9 EXPENDITURES, AND PRODUCTIVITY BY ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT,
10 PROGRAM, AND ACTIVITY AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO REQUIRE UNIFORM REPORTING OF ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS,
15 PROGRAMS, AND ACTIVITIES AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
16 EDUCATION."

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

21 SECTION 1. (a) The State Board of Higher Education is authorized and
22 directed to establish uniform *reporting* standards to report annually all
23 current funds revenues and expenditures associated with each academic
24 department and within each department the academic programs offered at each
25 state-supported institution of higher education.

26 (b) Such reports shall be subject to annual review by the State Board
27 of Higher Education and the Joint Interim Committee on Education.

28 (c) The report shall be predicated on the following definitions of
29 academic department, academic program, and program revenues, expenditures, and
30 productivity:

31 (1) "Academic department" is defined as each organizational,
32 budgetary unit associated with the delivery of instruction, research, and
33 public service activities.

34 (2) "Academic program" is defined as all programs of study
35 *leading to a degree, certificate, diploma, and any other program as defined by*

1 the State Department of Higher Education.

2 (3) "Academic department and program revenues" shall include
3 tuition and fee, both undergraduate and graduate, endowments, gifts and
4 grants, sponsored research, and all other revenues associated with each
5 academic department and specific academic programs.

6 (4) "Academic department and program expenditures" shall include
7 all direct and prorated indirect expenses. Direct expenses include faculty
8 salaries, staff salaries, fringe benefits, scholarships and fellowships,
9 graduate stipends and graduate assistant tuition, student labor, materials and
10 supplies, equipment, travel, and telephone. Indirect expenses include central
11 administrative management, institution-wide services, and departmental
12 administration, student services, research, indirect cost recovery, public
13 services and information, financial aid, plant operations and maintenance,
14 utilities, debt service, non-mandatory transfers, and all other indirect
15 expenses. Total academic department and program expenditures should equal the
16 current funds expenditures as reported in the institution_s financial
17 statement.

18 (5) Within each academic department any difference between
19 academic program revenues and academic program expenditures shall be
20 determined to be the state subsidy of that academic program and reported
21 annually.

22 (6) Productivity by academic program shall be defined as the
23 number of declared majors, number of upper division and graduate student
24 semester credit hours produced, and the number of degrees, certificates, and
25 diplomas conferred in each program.

26 (d) The State Board of Higher Education is authorized to promulgate any
27 rules or regulations necessary for the implementation of this act and shall
28 report to the Joint Interim Committee on Education the failure of an
29 institution to comply with the provisions of this act.

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31 SECTION 2. (a) By *December 1, 1994*, all state-supported institutions
32 of higher education shall report academic department and program revenues,
33 expenditures, and productivity utilizing the uniform report established by the
34 State Board of Higher Education.

35 (b) The academic department and program report shall include an

1 institution_s ten highest academic program priorities and shall identify
2 undergraduate programs that produce less than 10 graduates annually and
3 graduate programs that produce less than 5 graduates annually.

4 (c) The State Board of Higher Education shall review the institutional
5 reports and submit them to the Joint Interim Committee on Education by
6 *December 1* of each year beginning in 1994.

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8 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
9 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
10 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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12 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
13 hereby repealed.

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/s/Rep. McGinnis, et al

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